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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of the above-identified application that are or may be related to patentability of the claimed invention, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AV and AW which are listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited By Applicant." Copies of references AV and AW are submitted herewith. Identification of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application.

Applicants request that the Examiner review all the references identified on the attached form PTO-1449, and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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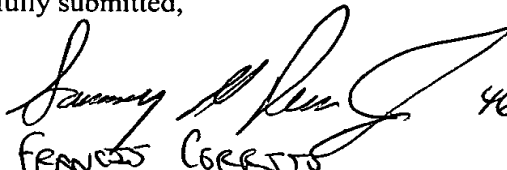
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Respectfully submitted,

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